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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Duran DATE TYPED: 3/07/03 HB _____

SHORT TITLE: Absentee Voting Instead of Early Voting SB 540/aSRC

ANALYST: Collard

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From
Secretary of State

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SRC Amendment

The Senate Rules Committee amends Senate Bill 540 to strike the words “EARLY VOTING BALLOT OR” on page 23, lines 15 and 16.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 540 amends the Municipal Election Code to consolidate early voting into absentee voting. This was done in the State Election Code in 1997. Additionally, the bill provides a definition of absentee voting in Section 13 (A) that incorporates the idea of early voting. The bill defines procedures for absentee voting when an electronic voting system is used. Finally, the bill restores previously repealed language for voters who do not receive their absentee ballot in a timely manner.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no appropriation or significant fiscal implication associated with this bill.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The Secretary of State notes on page 23, line 15, the words "EARLY VOTING BALLOT" should be deleted.

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